S. Ct. Case No.: 14-1647

BEFORE THE JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION STATE OF FLORIDA

INQUIRY CONCERNING JUDGE LINDA D. SCHOONOVER,

ORDER SCHEDULING FINAL HEARING AND OTHER DEADLINES

A final evidentiary hearing before the Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (FJQC) Hearing Panel is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m., May 4, 2015, to last one week. The hearing will occur in a courtroom to be designated in Seminole County, Florida. The members of the Hearing Panel are: (1) Judge Robert Morris (Chair); (2) Judge Michelle Morley; (3) attorney John P. Cardillo, Esq. (*ad hoc*); (4) attorney Michele Cummings, Esq.; (5) Harry Duncanson (lay member); and (6) Jerome Osteryoung, Ph.D. (lay member). All original pleadings are to be filed electronically in the Florida Supreme Court and served on the Chair of this Panel, and on all attorneys for the parties and all other persons on the attached list.

A telephonic prehearing conference is hereby set for April 17, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. before Judge Morris. The call-in number is 1-888-670-3525, passcode number: 2162779784, then #. A court reporter will be provided by the JQC. At least 7 days before the prehearing conference, counsel shall provide the Chair and all other counsel with a <u>Prehearing Statement</u> containing schedules of all of the witnesses to

be called and all of the exhibits to be introduced. The subject matter of the testimony of each witness shall be stated in the schedule. If there are objections to any exhibit or witness, a list of objections shall be filed before the prehearing conference so they may be ruled upon at the conference. The schedules of witnesses and exhibits may be supplemented only in accordance with future orders.

Before the prehearing telephonic conference, counsel shall confer concerning the final hearing and be prepared to make commitments concerning the following:

- (1) <u>Length of hearing</u>: Counsel shall state their good faith estimates of the time required to try the case by the prosecution and the case by the respondent.
- (2) <u>Factual stipulations</u>: Counsel are urged to stipulate to facts which are not genuinely contested and to be prepared to give written details on such factual agreements at the time of the conference.
- (3) <u>Discovery</u>: All depositions and discovery shall be completed prior to the prehearing conference.
- (4) <u>Undisposed of motions and legal issues of importance</u>: Any undisposed of motions shall be argued at the prehearing conference and shall be delivered to opposing counsel and the Chair at least 7 days before the conference. Counsel shall further advise of the nature of any particular legal issues which are anticipated. Case determinative or constitutional legal issues shall be argued in writing in a brief

not exceeding 10 pages by the party asserting the issue.

(5) <u>Inspection of and objection to exhibits</u>: Counsel shall exchange all

exhibits before the prehearing conference for inspection by opposing counsel.

Counsel shall confer concerning their objections and if there are unresolved

objections to any proposed exhibits, a schedule of those objections shall be furnished

before the prehearing conference.

6) <u>Policy on Limitation of Character Witnesses</u>: Pursuant to the general

policy of the Hearing Panel, the parties are notified that, at the formal hearing, the

Judge will be limited to a total of three live character witnesses. In addition to these

witnesses, affidavits as to character may be filed by the Judge and will be considered

by the Hearing Panel. Counsel will also be called upon to consider other appropriate

limitations on witnesses.

So ordered this 29 day of December 2014.

FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION

By: /s/ Robert Morris

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